

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

STOUT, ROBERT L.

Serial No. : 10/051,253

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METHODS OF DETERMINING CHRONIC  
HEPATITIS C INFECTION

Docket No. 32265-RCE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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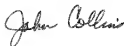
Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant, through his attorneys, hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a 3-month extension of time in which to file a response to the office action of December 30, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, the 3-month fee of \$510.00 should be charged to Deposit Account 19-0522.

In the event that the foregoing request or fee calculation is incorrect, this Petition should be construed as one for sufficient time to permit timely filing of the present reply. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Petition should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,



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